Savannah State College

Savannah, Georgia

The One-Hundred-Sixteenth Commencement

Lux et Veritas

August Fourteenth

Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven

Two-Thirty P.M.

Savannah Civic Center Theater

Order of Procession

THE CHIEF MARSHAL
THE CLASS MARSHALS
CANDIDATES FOR THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTERS DEGREE
INSTRUCTORS OF THE COLLEGE
ASSISTANT PROFESSORS OF THE COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS OF THE COLLEGE
PROFESSORS OF THE COLLEGE
PROFESSORS EMERITI
THE GRADUATE FACULTY
THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ACADEMIC MACE AND THE OFFICIAL MEDALLION

Observing the centuries-old convocation procedures, each Marshal in the Savannah State College Academic Procession carries an official mace which is indicative of the power, dignity, and *magisterium* vested in the College. The mace is a club-shaped staff which originated in the Middle Ages as a weapon. Eventually, it gained a ceremonial character and is presently employed most often by legislative forums and academic enterprises.

The official mace of Savannah State College was designed and made from mahogany wood by Mr. Ernest S. Brown, Instructor of Industrial Arts. Dr. Lester B. Johnson, Head of the Department of Engineering Technology, designed and built the Mace Stand.

It is significant to note that the mace bears the official seal of the College and the motto of President Prince A. Jackson, Jr., "*Lux Et Veritas*" ("Light and Truth"), which is his conception of what Savannah State College should be, must be, and is to all individuals associated with her. Dr. Jackson also wears a silver medallion which bears the official seal of the College and symbolizes the Office of the President.

Savannah State College

hereby confers upon

the degree of
Bachelor of Science
in

together with all the rights, privileges and honors pertaining thereto in consideration of the satisfactory completion of the course prescribed by the Faculty of this College.

In Witness Whereof the undersigned have affixed their names and the seal of the College of Savannah, Georgia, on the fourteenth day of August, 1977

Prince Jackson Jr.
President, Savannah State College

George L. Simpson, Jr.
Chancellor of the University System

SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE
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1891
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

J B Lemmons
Registrar of the College

Savannah State College & Armstrong State College

hereby confer upon

the degree of

in

together with all the rights, privileges and honors appertaining thereto in consideration of the satisfactory completion of the course prescribed by the Faculties of these Colleges

In Witness Thereof the undersigned have affixed their names and the seals of the Colleges at Savannah, Georgia, in the month of August, 1977

Prince A. Jackson Jr.
President Savannah State College

George L. Simpson, Jr.
Chancelor of the University System

Henry L. Ashmore
President Armstrong State College

J B Simmons
Registrar of the College

James A. Eaton
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies

George S. Smith
Registrar of the College

Joseph V Adams
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies

SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE · CONSTITUTION · JUSTICE · WISDOM · 1891 · SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

ARMSTRONG STATE COLLEGE · CONSTITUTION · 1935 · SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The Outstanding Leadership Award

Savannah State College, on June 1, 1977 established The Outstanding Leadership Award to recognize and pay homage to citizens of Chatham County who have exhibited outstanding qualities of leadership in making prodigious and courageous efforts designed to accelerate and enhance improvement of all citizens of Chatham and the betterment of *Homo Sapiens* in general. The Outstanding Leadership Award is the first honor if its kind to be given by Savannah State College to outstanding individuals who place the public good above personal concerns and it will not be given indiscriminately.

The College will recognize recipients of the Outstanding Leadership Award at Commencement Convocations.

The Outstanding Leadership Award

AUGUST 14, 1977

Citation by Prince Albert Jackson, Jr., Ph.D.
President, Savannah State College

The first recipient of the Outstanding Leadership Award is the REVEREND LOUIS SCOTT STELL, JR., member of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Savannah.

Reverend Stell is a native of Fayetteville, Georgia, the son of the late Louis Scott and Mrs. Ida Harps Stell. He acquired his higher education and seminary training at Morris Brown College, Carver Bible College, Interdenominational Theological Center (Extension), and American Baptist Theological Seminary (Extension).

His election in 1968 made him the first Black to serve on the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. He has been returned to this post by the constituents of his district in every election since that time. He was further distinguished and honored by his fellow commissioners by their electing him the first Black Vice Chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners in August, 1975, a post he held until January, 1977. He is now Chairman of the Board of Commissioners' Health and Welfare and Department of Parks and Recreation Committees.

Reverend Stell is also Chairman of the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission, Chairman of the Coastal Area Planning and Development Commission (eight counties), and Treasurer of Southeast Georgia Health System, Inc. (twenty-four counties). A few of his other board memberships include: Westside Comprehensive Health Center, Chatham County Nursing Home Authority, and the Chatham County Board of Health.

Reverend Stell has served as the Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church since 1952. He is very active in religious activities on the local and state levels. Some of his activities include: the presidency of New Era Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, clerk of Berean Missionary Baptist Association, President of the West Broad Street YMCA Board of Directors, and Trustees of the Georgia Council on Morals and Civic Concerns. He is listed in the 1975-76 Edition (the first) of WHO'S WHO IN RELIGION.

He has been the recipient of many awards and citations for his outstanding work with schools, civic, and community groups. Among these are: co-recipient of the Outstanding Citizens Award for 1973 by Prince Hall Masons of Savannah, the 1975 Human Relations Award by the National Council of Christians and Jews (Savannah Chapter), and the 1977 Religious Achievement Award by Morris Brown College Alumni Association.

He was the original plaintiff in the now famous STELL vs. BOARD OF EDUCATION case which he initiated in 1964 and which subsequently led to the desegregation of the Public Schools of Chatham County. He has always been a staunch member and leader in the NAACP and served as a member of the Executive Board of the Savannah Branch for many years. In 1964, he was Chairman of its Education Committee.

Reverend Stell is married to the former Miss Jessie Lee Jones and the father of three sons, Reverend Louis Scott, III, Larry James, and Ralph Lamar.

In naming Commissioner Stell the first recipient of this coveted award, Savannah State College declares that he has proved the veracity of *Patria est ubicumque vir fortis sedem sibi elegerit.* The College attests further that he has demonstrated by his actions the principle of *Publicum bonum privato est praeferendum.* In Reverend Stell, the College finds that he exhibits *Splendor sine occasu.* He is verily *Magnus Homo.*

THE CITATION

Persistent devotion, prodigious and courageous efforts, and uncommon imaginative perception aimed at enhancing continuous improvement in religion and in Chatham County and the betterment of *Homo Sapiens* in general.

ORDER OF EXERCISES

*ACADEMIC PROCESSION: "War March of the Priests" . . . . . Felix Mendelssohn
James Thompson, Jr., M.M.Ed., Organist

INVOCATION . . . . . Reverend Samuel Williams, M. Div.
College Minister

SELECTION: "150th Psalm" . . . . . Cesar Franch
Savannah State College Summer School Choir
Butler Presbyterian Church Choir, Guest Choir
James Thompson, Jr., Conductor
Jerome Glover, Student Assistant

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER. . . . . Prince A. Jackson, Jr., Ph.D., President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS . . . . . Walter Leonard, J.D.
President, Fisk University

SELECTION: "Ride de Chariot". . . . . arr. by William Smith
Savannah State College Summer School Choir
Butler Presbyterian Church Choir, Guest Choir

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREES:
Division of Business Administration . . . . . Mary C. Torian, Ed.D.
Division of Education . . . . . Thelma M. Harmond, Ph.D.
Division of Humanities . . . . . Luetta C. Milledge, Ph.D.
Division of Natural Sciences . . . . . Margaret C. Robinson, Ph.D.
Division of Social Sciences . . . . . Isaiah McIver, Ph.D.
Division of Technical Sciences . . . . . Lester B. Johnson, Jr., Ph.D.

CONFERRING OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES . . . . . Prince A. Jackson, Jr., Ph.D.
Assisted by the Dean of the College, Thomas A. Byers, Ph.D.

ALUMNI INDUCTION . . . . . Earl Brown, J.D.
President, Savannah State College National Alumni Association
Columbia, South Carolina

PRESENTATION OF N.R.O.T.C. CANDIDATES
FOR COMMISSION . . . . . Commander Alvin Catalano
Commanding Officer, Savannah State College N.R.O.T.C.

ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE . . . . . Commander Alvin Catalano

PRAYER FOR THE NEW OFFICERS: *"Veni Sancte Spiritus"*. . . . . Reverend Samuel Williams, M. Div.
College Minister

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD. . . . . Prince A. Jackson, Jr., Ph.D.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE HYMN

BENEDICTION . . . . . Reverend L. Scott Stell, Pastor
Bethlehem Baptist Church

SEVEN-FOLD AMEN

**RECESSIONAL: "Pomp and Circumstance" . . . . . Sir Edward Elgar
James Thompson, Jr., M.M.Ed., Organist

*The audience is requested to remain seated.
**The audience is requested to remain seated until the procession has exited.

Baccalaureate Degrees Conferred

DIVISION OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Accounting

Clarke, Deborah A. . . . . Savannah
Flowers, Jannie Mae . . . . . Brunswick
Hendrix, Frank Walter . . . . . Savannah
Hudson, Harold . . . . . Summerville
Scott, Shirley . . . . . Savannah
Tyson, Willie Fred . . . . . Savannah
Walker, Howard . . . . . Jesup
Washington, Deborah Jean . . . . . Augusta

General Business Administration

Allen, G. N. . . . . Savannah
Baker, Catherine Marrissette . . . . . Midway
Baker, Lovell Brenda . . . . . Meridan
Baker, Maeetta . . . . . Woodbine
Bolden, Patricia Washington . . . . . Savannah
Brown, Delores Parrish . . . . . Savannah
Dean, Albert Hansom . . . . . Savannah
Dodd, Yvonne . . . . . Marietta
Evans, James . . . . . Demopolis, Alabama
Greene, Allen . . . . . Hilton Head, South Carolina
Miller, Earl Arlington . . . . . Nassau, Bahamas
Miller, Gerron Don . . . . . Savannah
Natson, Ronald Marcel . . . . . Savannah
Oliver, Renee Marie . . . . . Macon
Phoenix, Pondora Lurene . . . . . Savannah
Rainey, John Douglas . . . . . Decatur

Office Administration

Goethie, Mary Alice . . . . . Baxley
Hall, Linda Fay . . . . . Savannah
Walker, Nancy Jean . . . . . Thomasville

Marketing Management

Jackson, Cyrus Jerome . . . . . Savannah

DIVISION OF EDUCATION

Elementary Education

Bacon, Glenda Niocia . . . . . Manassas
Grant, Yvonne Idella Jones . . . . . Savannah
Newton, Patricia . . . . . Savannah
O'Neill, Dell M. Fountain . . . . . Savannah

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Art Education

Collier, Jessica . . . . . Savannah
Cooper, Marilyn E. . . . . Savannah

Art Education

Hordges, Samuel . . . . . Savannah
*Webb, Arthur M. . . . . Norristown, Pa.

Business Education

Holmes, Ola Nevels . . . . . Savannah

English Education

Mills, Brenda Joyce . . . . . Savannah

Physical Education

Mines, Edward Jerome . . . . . Savannah

Industrial Arts Education

Frazier, Silas Norman, Jr. . . . . Savannah
Jones, Mark Van . . . . . Savannah
Kozal, Harry Sylvester John . . . . . Ellabell

Music Education

Gilbert, William B. . . . . Savannah

DIVISION OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Biology

Dennard, Samuel Thomas . . . . . Macon

Chemistry

Asseffa, Tsegaye . . . . . Addis Abada, Ethiopia
Gary, James Edward . . . . . Elberton
Keeton, Cynthia Ozepher . . . . . Tampa, Fla.
Mikell, Valeria . . . . . Savannah

Mathematics

Ward, Carlnell . . . . . Savannah

DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Criminal Justice

Carter, Dianne . . . . . Fort Valley
Collins, David . . . . . Fitzgerald

Criminal Justice

Freeman, James Edward . . . . . Lincolnton
Garner, JoAnn . . . . . Savannah
*Gates, Bennie Mae . . . . . Hamden, Conn.
*Gates, Diane . . . . . Hamden, Conn.
Henderson, Arlee . . . . . Los Angeles, Ca.

Holmes, McArthur . . . . . Savannah
Hutchinson, Alexine Lenise . . . . . Savannah
Mahone, Keith Louie . . . . . Columbus
*Manigo, John Edward . . . . . Savannah
Morgan, Janice . . . . . Savannah
Small, Nathaniel . . . . . Savannah
Young, Sarah Anita . . . . . Savannah
Zeigler, Jeroline . . . . . Savannah

History

Lockley, Gwendolyn Charlene . . . . . Jesup
White, James, Jr. . . . . Woodbine

Political Science

Craig, Nora Maria . . . . . Baconton
Lavender, Rhonda Avis . . . . . Savannah
Smith, James Henry . . . . . Claxton

Sociology

Berksteiner, Samuel . . . . . Savannah
Calhoun, Sherrye Elaine . . . . . Elberton
Camp, Keith . . . . . Clarkston
Cogdell, Angela Leslie . . . . . Jesup
German, Louvenia Williams . . . . . Savannah
Griffin, Jan Maria . . . . . Savannah
Holmes, Debra Theresa . . . . . Savannah
Hutchinson, Valerie Elaine . . . . . Savannah
Mikell, Minnie Lee . . . . . Savannah
Parrish, Jimmy L., Jr. . . . . Bainbridge
Spaulding, Barbara Ann Benjamin . . . . . Savannah
West, Mozella Louise . . . . . Savannah
Wilhite, Beverly Jean . . . . . Savannah

Social Work

Milligan, Betty Louise . . . . . Savannah
Williams, Ann Juliette Driessen . . . . . Savannah

DIVISION OF TECHNICAL SCIENCES

Electronic Engineering Technology

Miller, Ivan Mario . . . . . Savannah
Thomas, Michael Orr . . . . . Savannah
Ravita, James I. . . . . Savannah
Watson, Nathaniel Edward, II . . . . . Savannah

DIVISION OF TECHNICAL SCIENCES

Textiles and Clothing

Martin, Annie Copeland D. . . . . Savannah
Pelote, Deborah Ann . . . . . Savannah

*In absentia.
**Candidate for commissioning as Ensign, United States Navy.

SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE
HONOR GRADUATES

August 14, 1977

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (3.400 to 3.749)

Dell Mae O'Neill Fountain

CUM LAUDE (3.000 to 3.399)

Lowell Brenda Baker
Keith Camp
William Gilbert
Arlee Henderson
Samuel Hordges
James Henry Smith
James I. Ravita

MEMBERS OF ALPHA KAPPA MU
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Keith Camp
Harry Sylvester Kozal

MEMBERS OF ALPHA PHI GAMMA
NATIONAL HONORARY JOURNALISM FRATERNITY

JoAnn Garner
Beverly J. Wilhite

MEMBERS OF ZETA ALPHA OMICRON CHAPTER
OF
LAMDA ALPHA EPSILON HONOR SOCIETY

JoAnn Garner
McArthur Holmes
Sarah A. Young

SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE HYMN

Let us give thanks and praise to Thee,
To our Alma Mater, S.S.C.
Thine honor, pride, and eminence,
We raise in prayerful reverence.

Guide us still from day to day,
Be Thou mindful lest we lose our way;
Help us know that life, short or long,
Means unceasing work for weak and strong.

REFRAIN

Where Savannah meets the sea,
Where grassy plains and palms abound,
Where the flow'rs are gems of loveliness,
There S.S.C. is found.
We adore each beauteous scene and hall,
Our all we pledge to Thee!
In our hearts we'll build a shrine for Thee.
We hail Thee, S.S.C.

—J. Randolph Fisher
Hillary Hatchett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1977 Fall Quarter . . . . . Freshmen, September 12
Upperclassmen, September 20

ACADEMIC COSTUMES

Modern academic dress has evolved from a type of apparel prescribed by English Medieval Universities to distinguish their schools from the lay person in dress at a time when everybody wore robes or gowns. When American colleges and universities desired to adopt some suitable system of academic apparel a half century ago it seemed best to agree on some definite system which all might follow. Accordingly, this attire has consisted of the cap, the gown, and the hood, the latter two now differing according to the degree the wearer has received.

The modern cap, in academic dress has the same design for all degrees; black and square-shaped with a tassel hanging from the center. However, the color of the tassel usually differentiates the field of study for which the degree was granted, the gold tassel being worn by doctors or by presidents of colleges and universities; but it may be added that the black tassel is correct for all degrees.

The gown, unlike the cap, differs appreciably in design according to the degree conferred on the wearer. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves. It is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree, worn open or closed has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, like the others. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut and the front part has an arc cut away. The doctor's gown, worn open or closed, has long sleeves faced with velvet; three bars of velvet are midway the sleeves. The trimmings of the doctor's gown may be black or the color associated with the field of study.

The hood, while not an article of dress, is, however, the most distinctive feature of the academic attire. It is a black, crow-shaped badge or adornment with an oval opening and worn down the back. It enables one to quickly determine not only the degree held by the wearer but also the college or university from which he is graduated. The colors lining the hood and the size and shape of the hood make this distinction. The bachelor's and master's hoods are three feet and three and a half feet in length, respectively; the doctor's hood is four feet in length and is made with a wide panel. Hoods may be worn for only those degrees actually held by the wearers.

Members of the governing body of a college or university, and they only, whatever their degrees may be, are entitled to wear doctor's gowns (with black velvet), but their hoods may be only those of degrees actually held by the wearers or those especially prescribed for them by the institution.

In some colleges and universities, it is customary for the president, chancellor, or chief officer to wear a costume similar to that worn by the head of a foreign university.

The chief marshal may wear a specially designed costume approved by the institution.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, the color associated with different subjects as prescribed by the revised American Intercollegiate Code is as follows:

Agriculture	Maise
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Business	Drab
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Law	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Music	Pink
Oratory—(Speech)	Silver Gray
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Physical Education	Sage Green
Science	Golden Yellow
Theology	Scarlet

At Savannah State College, the lining of the hood has an orange chevron on a blue background to represent school colors. A faculty member wears the color of his alma mater.